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MEMORANDUM FOR: Michael B. Donley

Senior Director, White House Situation Support Staff

SUBJECT:

Review of NSI & SMS Interagency Handbook, Volume III

REFERENCE:

Your Memo, 2 Dec 88, Subj: NSI & SMS Technical Baseline

& Modernization Plan

- I commend the CMWG Systems Subgroup's superior effort in preparation of subject Volume III which is comprehensive and technical, yet is very readable. I concur in the document subject to consideration of the following comments and the recommended modifications attached. When published, the handbook should serve as a useful reference and guide for the modernization of a system critical to effective US Government crisis management.
- While Section 5 addresses the major components of the NSI & SMS architecture, it should also include a policy overview indicating which capabilities must be included as "core" needs. Secondly, a priority for acquisition of each capability should also be included to provide department and agency heads guidance on how to incrementally enhance their crisis management capabilities so as to be responsive to NSDD 314.

Chairman

Attachment: As Stated

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